CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *re*: WATER SUPPLY IN BANGALORE CITY

Sri VATAL NAGARAJ.—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to inadequate water supply to Bangalore City.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.— Water supply to Bangalore is from the two reservoirs at Hessarghatta and Thippagondanahalli. The reservoirs did not receive full supply last year on account of unequal distribution of rainfall in the catchment.

On 1-11-1967 the storage was 2424.78 M.Cft. as against 3045.00 M.Cft. required to maintain full supply for one year after evaporation losses.

Steps were taken as early as January 1968 to conserve the available water by imposing a cut in supply of water to industries and restricting the hours of supply to domestic consumers and suspending the sanction of non-domestic connections.

Contrary to expectations, the reservoir did not receive any appreciable inflow in the month of August. The actual inflow was 2 10 M.Cft. as against the average of 456 M.Cft. for this month.

This failure of rains in the catchment in August this year necessitated a further review of the situation and a further cut of 2 million gallons per day, in the supply to the City, has been recently effected to conserve the available storage in the reservoir.

At present, water is supplied in the City between 5 and 9 in the morning generally and in areas unfavourably situated, staggered timings are followed to ensure equitable distribution of water in the City.

Even then, some stray cases of shortage of water are brought to the notice of the Board and these cases are being attended to and relief afforded by supplying through trucks.

Necessary instructions have been issued to the Water Supply Distribution staff to attend to complaints promptly and give necessary relief expeditiously.

The normal supplies will be restored as soon as the reservoir receives supplies in the rains expected in September and October. 9 per cent of the inflow to the reservoirs is in the months of August to November.

1-30 P.M.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Labour).—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, I lay the Annual Report and Accounts of the Mysore State Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1967 under sub-section (3) of section 38 of the State Finance Corporation Act, 1951.